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Ayurvedic hospitals and dispensaries in the Presidency.

* 105 Q.—Mr. K. RAGHUCHANDRA BALLAL: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

- (a) how many ayurvedic hospitals and dispensaries have been opened in the Presidency during the last three years;
- (b) what is the number of the medical officers appointed to such institutions; and what are their qualifications;
- (c) what is the number of patients treated in those institutions;
- (d) how many of those institutions are meant for in-patients also; and
- (e) what is the total cost of the maintenance of those institutions?

A.—Fifty-two ayurvedic dispensaries have been opened by local bodies up to 1st March 1925. The Government have no information as to other ayurvedic institutions opened or as to the details asked for under (b), (c), (d) and (e) of the question.

Mr. ABDUL HYE SAHIB.—“May I know how many Unani dispensaries were started during the period?”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL.—“I should like to have notice of the question.”

Relief of lepers in the Presidency.

* 106 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to refer to the answers to questions as to the policy of Government in regard to leper asylums and relief of lepers in XVI-371, XIX-44, 655, 669, XXIII-622, 690, and to state—

- (a) when Government are going to apply the Indian Lepers Act III of 1898 to the whole of the Madras Presidency or to any part of the Presidency; if so, what part;
- (b) whether the leper settlement in Chingleput is intended for the lepers found all over the Presidency;
- (c) (i) whether it is contemplated to compel lepers to go to the leper colony in Chingleput if no room is found for them in any local leper asylum; (ii) if so, what provision has been made as to the cost of conveyance and as to separate compartments in railway trains;
- (d) whether Government have considered the possible or probable objections of leper patients in distant parts of the Presidency to being taken and placed in a remote place in the Chingleput district on account of linguistic, climatic, and social differences, new environments, etc.; and
- (e) whether Government contemplate aiding more liberally the local leper asylums owned and managed by missionary and other agencies; if so, to what extent?

A.—(a) The question of applying the Indian Lepers Act III of 1898 to the whole of the Madras Presidency or part thereof is under consideration.

(b), (c), (d) & (e) The Government have not yet come to any decision in regard to the several points raised which will be considered in connexion with the proposal referred to in clause (a) above.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA.—“Government have stated that the increase of lepers in Mangalore was a great menace to the health of the town. In view of that fact, are Government going to take early action or not?”

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The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" The question is engaging the attention of the Government."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" Are they going to pass early orders or not ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" They will do so as early as possible."

Closing of the allopathic dispensary at Gangareddigudem, Godavari district.

* 107 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue and the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the allopathic dispensary at Gangareddigudem in the Godavari district has been closed and if so, the reasons for the same ?

A.—The Local Fund dispensary at Gangareddigudem has not been closed, nor it is proposed to close it.

Public Health.

Vaccination in the Presidency.

* 108 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to refer to the discussion during the recent budget debate (i.e., on 30th March 1925) on vaccination in connexion with a grant for the King Institute at Quindry and to state—

- (a) what steps are being taken —
 - (i) for conveying vaccine untainted to the hands of the vaccinators and
 - (ii) for preserving it in proper condition in the custody of vaccinators ;
- (b) what action has been taken or is contemplated for appointment of duly qualified and properly paid vaccinators and for supervising the work of vaccinators ;
- (c) what are the educational qualifications and training exacted from vaccinators ; and
- (d) what are the various grades of salaries and allowances of vaccinators whether under direct control of Government or under the control of local authorities ?

A.—(a) (i) & (ii) The directions issued for the use of vaccine lymph in the Presidency specify among other things the precautions to be taken in conveying vaccine to the hands of vaccinators untainted and for preserving it in proper condition until it is actually used. Relevant extracts ^a from these directions which have been published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* are placed on the Council Table. The attention of the hon. Member is also invited to the answer given to question No. 123 at the meeting of the Legislative Council, dated 5th February 1925.

(b) The Government have prescribed by rules framed under the District Municipalities Act and the Local Boards Act the

^a Printed as Appendix V on pages 259-260 infra.